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SUBJECT: NIGER: HUMAN RIGHTS VETTING FOR FAN MEMBER TO ATTEND THE USAFRICOM AFRICA ENDEAVOR INITIAL PLANNING CONFERENCE IN DAKAR, SENEGAL FROM 13-16 JANUARY 2009.

¶1. The following individual is identified to attend the USAFRICOM Africa Endeavor Initial Planning Conference in Dakar, Senegal from 13-16 January 2009.

Name: Ibra Boulama Issa
Rank: Lieutenant Colonel
DOB: 05 March 1967
POB: Niamey, Niger
Title: Information Technology Program Director, Mission Planning and Management Cell (MPMC), ECOWAS Commission, Abuja, Nigeria

¶2. Embassy Niamey has reviewed its files and has found no information concerning human rights violations by the individuals listed above as of January 5, 2009.

¶3. There is no record of the above individual having any past or current ties to the PSI Company of the Armed Forces of Niger (FAN). Lt Col Ibra Boulama Issa will be attending the conference as a representative of the ECOWAS Commission and NOT as a Host Nation nominated attendee.

¶4. Additional DAO coordinating activities cannot be completed without receiving official notification of vetting status.

¶5. Inquiries regarding this information may be directed to SFC Chalawnda M. Kelley, Embassy Niamey at phone (227) 2072-2661, ext 4137 or email kelleycm@state.gov.

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